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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Bisgård-Frantzen et al

Application No.: To Be Assigned

Group Art Unit: To Be Assigned

Filed: November 9, 2000

Examiner: To Be Assigned

For: Fungamyl-like Alpha-Amylase Variants

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Before the above-captioned application is taken up for examination, entry of the following amendment is respectfully requested:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

At page 1, after the title, insert

--CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. 119 of Danish application PA 1999 01617, filed November 10, 1999, and of U.S. Provisional Application no. 60/165786, filed November 16, 1999, the contents of which are fully incorporated herein by reference.--

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 1-30 without prejudice or disclaimer and add the following new

Claims:

31. A variant of a parent Fungamyl-like alpha-amylase, comprising an alteration at one or more regions selected from the group consisting of:

Region 98-110,

Region 150-160,

a2  
sub C17